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SUBJECT: URENCO FUEL SUPPLY TO BRAZIL

REF: A. STATE 121484; B. STATE 116869

1. AS INSTRUCTED BY REF A, EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR REVIEWED SUBSTANCE OF REF B WITH ROUGET, CHIEF, FRG FONOFF ATOMIC ENERGY SECTION. ROUGET TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND PROMISED TO REPORT US VIEWS IN DETAIL. HE HAD NO "FORMAL" RESPONSE TO OFFER. URENCO PARTNERS HOPED TO MEET SOON BUT THE DATE HAD NOT BEEN SET.

2. SPEAKING "PERSONALLY" (AS HE OFTEN DOES), ROUGET OBSERVED THAT US ADVOCATED A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN THAT DISCUSSED EARLIER AMONG THE URENCO PARTNERS. HE NOTED ESPECIALLY THE US OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONAL STORAGE OF PLUTONIUM AND OUR HOPE THAT THE URENCO PARTNERS WOULD SEEK VETO RIGHTS OVER CONFIDENTIAL

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REPROCESSING OF URENCO FUEL BY BRAZIL. ROUGET EXPLAINED THAT FRG SAW THIS PROBLEM IN A BROADER CONTEXT. WE WERE ASKING URENCO (AND THE FRG) TO USE AGAINST BRAZIL THE SAME TACTICS THE US APPLIED AGAINST THE EC AND THE FRG. HE MENTIONED A RECENT LETTER FROM ERDA TO THE EC IN WHICH THE US APPARENTLY ALSO DEMANDED A VETO RIGHT OVER THE USE OF PLUTONIUM DERIVED

FROM US-SUPPLIED FUEL THROUGH REPROCESSING AUTHORIZED BY THE US. ROUGET CONFESSED A "PERSONAL" FEELING OF SOME "IRRITATION" THAT US USED AGAINST THE FRG THE SAME RESTRICTIVE TACTICS WE RECOMMENDED FOR USE AGAINST BRAZIL.

3. EMBOFF REJECTED ROUGET'S ANALYSIS AND DENIED THAT US TACTICS WERE DIRECTED "AGAINST" FRG AND EC. FURTHERMORE, US HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT URENCO MUST MAKE ITS OWN DECISIONS. HOWEVER, EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT A DECISION BY URENCO WHICH (IN EFFECT) ENDORSED BRAZILIAN REPROCESSING WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ENCOURAGE BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED ALTERNATE TO NATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITIES -- WHICH COULD BE A POSSIBLE RESULT OF THE INFCEP. EMBOFF URGED THAT FRG KEEP OPTION OPEN BY SEEKING A REPROCESSING VETO FOR URENCO FUEL. ROUGET WAS NONCOMMittal.

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